Call for nominations

*Extended deadline 1st June 2012*

The efsli board is still awaiting further nominations for the efsli board. We sent out several calls and reminders and have received one nomination so far. We are very much looking forward to receiving further nominations.

Please keep in mind that the nominee does not have to fully experienced in board work. We are looking for someone who is willing to dedicate their time, experience and energy to efsli and who would like to contribute to working for the profession at a European level. It is a unique opportunity for those who also like to get more involved internationally. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: board@efsli.org.

Executive Director

The efsli board received over 30 applications to the vacancy of efsli Executive Director. Unfortunately the applicants did not match what the efsli board was looking for and we sent out a revised vacancy. The efsli board has received highly qualified applications and are now in the process of conducting the interviews with selected candidates.

AGM 2012 - preparations

Full members of efsli, national associations of sign language interpreters, have received a request to fill out two surveys in preparation of the AGM 2012. Please note that the deadline for the surveys is 1 June 2012.

At the beginning of July all full members will receive all the documentation for the AGM in order for them to prepare their participation.

efsli Research Fund

**Deadline for applications**

1 June 2012

For individuals who would like to undertake research in a topic related to sign language interpreting and who do not have sufficient funding to complete their research.

More information:


New EUD & efsli guidelines

The European Union of the Deaf and efsli have developed new guidelines for working with interpreters at international events.

Both associations have received an increasing number of requests on how to find and work with sign language interpreters at international events. The result is the new established guidelines which can be found on the efsli website.

View on Deaf sign language interpreters

Following the developments and the efsli aims of 2012, the efsli board published the efsli view on the provision of Deaf sign language interpreters: [www.efsli.org](http://www.efsli.org)
**EUD seminar**
This year the EU topic is ‘Active Aging’. This was also the topic of the EUD seminar held in Copenhagen on 18th May. Maya de Wit, efsli president, attended the seminar on behalf of efsli. In the upcoming efsli newsletter an article is published on the seminar.

**First European Student Conference**
Sign language interpreting students in Zwickau organised the first European conference for students in sign language interpreting. Lourdes Calle, efsli project coordinator, attended and presented efsli to all the participants. Plans are now made to organise the second conference in another European country.

**Language industry web platform**
On 24th May the European Commission organised the first platform for the language industry, which efsli attended through webstream. The platform was a follow up from 2010 when a first conference was held, which efsli also attended. The conference was organised by EC DG Translation which wants to provide a platform to all stakeholders in the language industry. On their website you can find a database (left menu under search for publications) with publications and information on training, organising conferences, research findings, etc.: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/translation/programmes/languageindustry/platform/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/translation/programmes/languageindustry/platform/index_en.htm)

**efsli summer school**
*Few places left! Register now*
From 29th June – 1st July the efsli Summer school will be in Tallinn, Estonia. The training on ‘Ethical dilemmas and role conflicts in sign language interpreting’ will be provided by Peter Llewellyn-Jones. Don’t miss this opportunity and join efsli Summer school! Further information: [http://www.efsli.org/efsli/efslischools/summerschool2012/summer2012.php](http://www.efsli.org/efsli/efslischools/summerschool2012/summer2012.php)

**efsli 2012 conference & trainers’ seminar**
*Regular registration deadline: 1 July*
The University of Graz is working hard to provide trainers from around Europe with an exciting and inspiring programme. You can see here the full programme: [http://www.uni-graz.at/uedo1www/uedo1www-veranstaltungen/efsli_rainers__seminar.htm](http://www.uni-graz.at/uedo1www/uedo1www-veranstaltungen/efsli_rainers__seminar.htm)
Also the efsli 2012 organisers are doing amazing work to host the efsli annual conference: [www.efsli2012.org](http://www.efsli2012.org). Please remember for both events the regular early bird deadline is 1st July.

**Last chance: who will win the membership contest?**
**FREE registration!**
The efsli membership is now coming to its final month. In the graph below you see that SVT (Finland) has taken over the lead from ASLI and has brought in the most new individual members so far!
Remember: for each new member, your association receives a 10 euro discount to the AGM & conference! If your association brings in the most new individual members, you receive the winning prize: a full discount for the cost of
one delegate at AGM/Conference. (AGM/Conference attendance and hotel – option 2 (twin accommodation). See here for more details: www.efsli.org/efsli/membership/joinefsli.php

**efsli Spring school in Thessaloniki**

Despite the financial crisis, the Greek Association of Sign Language Interpreters (SDENG) kept their commitment to host the 2012 Spring edition of the efsli school. Eleven interpreters from Greece, Germany, Denmark, Belgium and Italy gathered together in Thessaloniki from 4th to 6th May and enjoyed the inspiring training delivered by Sharon Neumann Solow from the U.S.

Sign Language interpreting in legal settings was tackled from different perspectives and the sharing of working experiences was an important moment for all. A lovely dinner in a typical Greek restaurant on Saturday night gave the participants the opportunity to socialise and know one another better. Thank you all!

**efsli Autumn school**

*Call for trainers available now*

The 2012 efsli Autumn School is organised by the European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters in cooperation with SIGNAMIC (UK) and will take place from 23rd to 25th November 2012 in London, UK.

The topic is “Deaf Interpreters in a team – Part 2: The next step!”. It is meant to be the follow up of the efsli school held in Prague in 9 - 11 April 2010, Czech Republic.

As a minimum, training should cover the following aspects:

- the co-working process of Deaf and hearing interpreters;
- roles and responsibilities of Deaf and hearing interpreters working together in a team;
- practical tips on co-working;
- how to become a feeder interpreter;
- hands-on practice.

We are looking for one trainer/trainers who will be involved in carrying out a professional training programme. The call for trainers is available online: www.efsli.org

**How to join AIIC**

AIIC designed an informational document for sign language interpreters on how to join AIIC. All members have received this document. You can also find the document on the efsli website.

**Online symposium VRI**

Gallaudet university is hosting an online symposium from 4th – 6th June on Video Remote Interpreting. The presentations can be viewed at any time from your desktop at your own location and there will be chat rooms to share ideas and discussions on the topics presented. For more information: http://www.gallaudet.edu/GURIEC/Video_Interpreting_Symposium_2012.html

**International Symposium – Allicante**

From 8th – 10th November, the University of Alicante is hosting their fourth Lucentino International Symposium, which will be dedicated to interpreting. The deadline for the call for proposals is 15th July 2012. More information: http://web.ua.es/en/lucentino/the-fourth-lucentino-international-symposium-at-the-university-of-alicante.html

**PhD project York St. John University**

The Centre for Languages & Linguistics at York St John University is seeking applications for a full-time PhD project: http://www.yorksj.ac.uk/research/research-degrees/studentships/triadic-interactions.aspx